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1. The Michanice Airfield is located one kilometer southeast of Chomutov (N51/F02) and to the south of the village of Michanice (N51/F02). Inhabitants of Michanice were moved from their homes to other towns, and the village (3x3 kms including the nearby Eidlitz Busch hill) was designated as a restricted military area. Civilian vehicles are still permitted to go through the village, however. The field may be reached either by the Chomutov-Michanice road or the Chomutov-Udlice (N51/F01) road.
2. The dimensions of the airfield are 1,000 x 1,200 m. There are no runways on the field, which is partly grass and partly rolled earth. No dispersal points have been constructed. The village of Michanice to the north and the Eidlitz Busch to the northeast present the only conceivable obstacles in the area. Planes generally take off in a West-East or Northwest-Southeast direction. The use of the field is limited by spring and fall rains and by snow and fog in the wintertime.
3. The airfield was begun in March 1950 and was completed in November 1951. The military administration was in charge of the entire project and supplied the workmen and materials. Buildings which are on the field are:

- 1 large hanger
- 2 small hangers
- 1 headquarters building
- 1 control tower
- 1 barracks (formerly a school building)
- 1 ammunition dump

The ammunition dump is a 20x15 meter concrete building with a flat roof. The structure which is painted grey-green goes underground to a depth of five meters, and is equipped with a small elevator. The dump is surrounded by barbed wire and is guarded day and night. A telephone and alarm bell connect the dump with the main guard room.

4. A radio station, three search lights, and two radar apparatuses are installed

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at the field. In addition, there are eight firing posts for the artillery regiment. These are concrete platforms, which, to date, are without guns. A guard unit consisting of about 30 men is from the 2211 Military Unit at Chomutov.

5. About 10-15 planes, five of which are Arados, are on the field. It is believed that the field serves as a station for the Air Force Police. Some of the personnel stationed there are:

Commanding Officer: Staff Capt Jiri Holubirek

Deputy : Staff Capt Vaclav Copovsky

Other Officers : Capt Walter Vlastovicka

Lt Standa Stejskal

Lt Frantisek Hlunoby

NCOs : M Sgt Antonin Seveik

M Sgt Bohumir Cemelovsky

M Sgt Jiri Blaha

M Sgt Jan Komarsky

M Sgt Bozena Branova

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